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Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Nobuyuki Okamoto (Japan), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, resigned on 1 June 2015. Mr. Okamoto had been re-elected as a member of the Commission on 21 July 2011 (see ISBA/17/C/21, para. 18), for a term of five years beginning 1 January 2012.

2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Council, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.

3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission and that States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.

4. By a note verbale dated 1 June 2015, the Permanent Representative of Japan to the Authority informed the secretariat of the nomination of the Deputy Director General of the Metals Mining Technology Development Department of Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, Natsumi Kamiya, as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Kamiya is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae of Natsumi Kamiya (Japan)*

Personal data

Year and place of birth: 1955, Tokyo

Languages: Japanese (mother tongue), English, French and Spanish

Current position

Deputy Director General, Metals Mining Technology Development Department, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (www.jogmec.go.jp/english/)

Education history

Bachelor of engineering, School of Resources Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology, Waseda University (Tokyo) (1978)

Master of engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology, Waseda University (Tokyo) (1980)

Career history

Mr. Kamiya joined Metal Mining Agency of Japan (integrated into Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation in 2004) in 1980, after completion of his master degree in the field of metallurgical process engineering. Since then, he has been working in various fields of the metallurgical and mining industry. His experience encompasses mining technology innovation, technical cooperation with developing countries, the management of the rehabilitation of abandoned mine sites, and the development of the exploration for and environmental assessment of deep-sea mineral resources. He was involved in exploration (1984-1987) and environmental assessment (1992-1994) projects related to polymetallic nodules. He was also involved in international technology cooperation projects through assignments under the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund and the New Energy and Industry Technology Development Organization. He has extensive experience in minerals economics research, particularly on the global mining industry, metals market and business strategy, through his 10-year overseas assignments in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia and Chile. He is currently head of deep-sea mineral resources projects.

Home office assignment

October 2013-present: Deputy Director General, Metals Mining Technology Department (Deep-Sea Minerals Projects), Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

March 2006-September 2010: Deputy Director General, Metals Strategy Department (mineral economics and business strategy)

June 1991-January 1994: Deputy Director, Technical Development Division, Mine Pollution Control Development Department (Environment impact assessment of deep-sea mineral resources development)

January 1987-June 1989: Deputy Director, Survey Division, Overseas Survey Department (technical cooperation with developing countries)

January 1984-January 1987: Manager, Technical Development Division, Geological Survey Department, Metal Mining Agency of Japan, (exploration for polymetallic nodules and research on other types of deep-sea mineral resources)

April 1980-September 1982: Manager, Regional Geological Survey Division, Survey Department (exploration for metallic resources in Japan)

Overseas assignment

September 2010-September 2013: General Manager, Santiago Office (Chile), Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation

March 2001-March 2005: General Manager, Canberra Office (Australia), Metal Mining Agency of Japan/Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation

April 1996-April 1999: General Manager, London Office (United Kingdom), Metal Mining Agency of Japan

Other organizations

January 1994-March 1996: Deputy Director, International Technology Cooperation Division, International Technology Cooperation Department, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization

January 1989-June 1991: Deputy Director, Second Technical Appraisal Division (Mining and Industry), Technical Appraisal Department, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund

Participation in international events (as speaker)

1992: Twenty-third Conference of the Underwater Mining Institute, Arlington, United States of America, "Polymetallic nodules exploration projects of Metal Mining Agency of Japan"

2007: Annual Meeting, International Lead and Zinc Study Group, Lisbon, "Supply and Demand of Lead and Zinc in Japan"

2008: Annual Copper Seminar, Chilean Copper Commission, Santiago, "Japan's Sustainable Metals Supply and the Role of Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation"

2010: International Seminar: New Trend Toward Responsible Mineral Resources Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Tokyo, "Sustainable Supply Chain of Mineral Resources"

2010: Bicentennial Mining Week Copper Seminar, International Copper Study Group and Center for Copper and Mining Studies, Antofagasta, Chile, "Supply and Demand of Copper in Japan"

2014: Sensitization Seminar, International Seabed Authority, New York, "Japan's Work of Cobalt Rich Crusts Exploration and Technology Development"

2014: Forty-third Conference of the Underwater Mining Institute (poster), Lisbon, "Overview of Exploration Activities for Co-rich Fe/Mn Crusts in Japan's License Area"